

STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY  
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
NEW JERSEY STATE  
BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE  
LICENSE OF

GINA GAMBINO, R.N.  
License # NR 15546300

TO PRACTICE NURSING IN THE  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

FINAL ORDER  
OF DISCIPLINE

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("the Board") upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and on which the following findings of fact and conclusions of law are made:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent is a registered professional nurse in the State of New Jersey, and has been a licensee at all times relevant hereto.
2. In response to a request from the Division of Consumer Affairs, respondent was asked to provide documentation of completion of required nursing continuing education. Respondent was unable to provide documentation of completion of required nursing continuing education completed during the 2011-2013 licensing cycle. Respondent provided documentation of completion of 30.25 contact hours of nursing continuing education completed in April, May and June of 2014, to be attributed

to the 2011-2013 licensing cycle. The latest of the certificates of completion provided were dated June 8, 2014.

3. Respondent indicated on her 2013 renewal application that she would complete all required nursing continuing education requirements for the 2011-2013 licensing cycle by May 31, 2013.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Respondent's failure to timely complete continuing education requirements for the 2011-2013 licensing cycle constitutes a failure to complete a violation of N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3, subjecting respondent to sanctions pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e) and (h).

2. Respondent's indication on her renewal application that she would have completed required continuing education for the 2011-2013 renewal period by May 31, 2013 constitutes misrepresentation within the intendment of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b).

Based on the foregoing findings and conclusions, a Provisional Order of Discipline was entered on March 24, 2015, provisionally imposing a reprimand and a \$250 civil penalty. A copy of the Order was served upon respondent by certified and regular mail at her address of record. The Provisional Order was subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the 30<sup>th</sup> business day following entry unless respondent requested a modification or dismissal of the stated Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law by submitting a written request for modification or dismissal setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should be modified or dismissed and submitting any and all documents or other written evidence supporting respondent's request for consideration and reasons therefor.

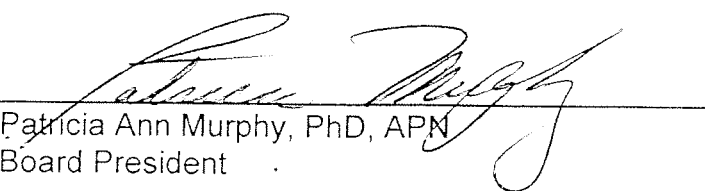
The record reflects that the certified mailing of the Provisional Order was signed for. The regular mailing was not returned. No response has been received to date. The Board therefore found that service had been effected, as the mailings had been sent to respondent's address of record with the Board. The Board further determined that additional proceedings were not necessary, and the Provisional Order should be made final, as no discrepancies had been raised with respect to the findings and conclusions of the Provisional Order.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015,  
ORDERED that:

1. A public reprimand is hereby imposed upon respondent for the violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b).
2. A civil penalty in the amount of \$ \$250.00 is hereby imposed for failure to timely complete required continuing education in violation of N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3. Payment shall be in the form of a certified check or money order, made payable to the State of New Jersey, and forwarded to the attention of George Hebert, R.N., Executive Director, Board of Nursing, P.O. Box 45010, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, NJ 07101, and shall be forwarded within twenty-one (21) days of the filing of this order.
3. No continuing education certificate dated on or prior to June 8, 2014 may be applied to satisfy the continuing education obligation applicable to the 2013-2015 licensing cycle.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By:

  
Patricia Ann Murphy, PhD, APN  
Board President